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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

PRIVATE SOURCE CODE COMMENTING

5 A method, computer program product, and data
processing system for exchanging information regarding
software source code among a team of developers is
disclosed. In a preferred embodiment of the present
invention, a developer associates commentary with a
10 particular code feature, such as a function or object
class. A list of intended recipients or readers of the
commentary is obtained from the developer. Additional
settings regarding such things as an expiration date for
the commentary are also obtained from the developer. The
15 source code with associated commentary is then made
available to the intended readers. If desired, the
source code with associated commentary may be transmitted
the intended recipients via e-mail or an "instant
message" or other form of notification can be transmitted
20 to the intended recipients to notify them of the
commentary to be read.